28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	207
29.	Delhi	42
30.	Lakshadweep	—
31.	Pondicherry	—
	TOTAL	7,70,078

Census of Tigers, Lions and other Wild Cats

2740. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh census of tigers, lions and other wild cats in different wild life sanctuaries has recently been held;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which of the parks and sanctuaries show decline in population and the reasons to which the decline is attributable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Governments have been requested to carry out census of wild animals including tigers, lions and other wild cats in different National Parks/Sanctuaries/other areas during 1993. The results of the census operation are awaited.

(c) Does not arise.

Wildlife Sanctuary Turns a Death Trap

2741. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 1, 1993, Captioned 'Wildlife sanctuary turns a death trap' pertaining to the fast deteriorating conditions in the Zoological Park, near Ormanjhi, Ranchi, and consequent extinction of rare breed animals at the zoo; and

(b) if so, whether Government have caused a survey of all the zoological parks and sanctuaries set up to protect and promote the rare breeds, in the light of the said report; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Newspaper report has come to the attention of the Government of India, indicating that one leopard, one sambhar and one neelgai have reportedly died. These animals, as per the classification of Zoological Survey of India, are not rare wild animals.

(b) The Government of India have established a Central Zoo Authority which among other things prescribes minimum standards of upkeep of wild animals in the zoos. This Authority is required to evaluate and assess the zoos with regard to these standards before granting recognition. The process of survey & evaluation has already been initiated.

Pending Proposal for Clearance

2742. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of proposals received for forest clearance during the last year;

(b) what is the total number of proposals pending for clearance;

(c) how many such proposals have been received from Maharashtra;

(d) how many out of (c) above have been cleared; and

(e) what is the reason for not clearing the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Since 1-8-1992 up to 31-7-1993, 352 proposals have been received for clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) As on 31-7-1993, 121 proposals were pending with the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) Since 1-8-1992 up to 31-7-1993, 64 proposals have been received from Maharashtra.

(d) Out of the above 64, 18 proposals have been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. During this same period, however, 23

other proposals were cleared, relating to cases received prior to 1-8-1992. Thus, the total number of cases cleared since 1-8-1992 up to 31-7-1993 are 41.

(e) As and when full details are received, the proposals are examined expeditiously for decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Rio Earth Summit

2743. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to the United Nations he expressed unhappiness over the fact that even after a year of the Rio Earth Summit few concrete steps had been taken, especially by the industrial countries, to implement the Rio-conventions:

(b) if so, what was the general response of the world body, particularly the industrial countries thereto; and

(c) whether the steps taken to control pollution in India had also been reviewed, if so, the details in this regard and the outcome of the apprisal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) While addressing the First Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in June 1993 at New York, the Minister of State for Environment and Forests has expressed India's deep concern about slow progress in allocation of new and additional financial resources and transfer of technology by the developed countries, as agreed in Rio. Similar sentiments were also expressed by many of the other developing countries. There was a general consensus that the Commission on Sustainable Development has to play an important role in this regard.

(c) No Sir.

State Pollution Control Board

2744. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government recently issued directions to the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Committees regarding grant of Consent to establish small scale industries other than 17 identified industries, making a provision that mere script of an application will be taken as consent given to the applying individual unit if it belongs to other category other than the 17 identified ones, and that such consent is to be valid for 15 years;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to control pollution from thousands of dying, rolling and pickling rubber and PVC processing units, electroplating units etc. which are very hazardous, but still not included in the 17 identified industries;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Pollution Control Committee is being headed by a non-technical member-Secretary in contravention of the R. R. for the post of Director (Environment) who is Ex-officio Member-Secretary to D.P.C.C.; and

(d) if so, the reasons due to which fully qualified technical hands in DPCC are not considered for the post ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) The directions issued have only simplified the procedure for the small scale units (other than the 17 categories) to obtain the consent. It has been specified that there would be no need for the industry to obtain periodic renewal of consent till 15 years or such time the unit modifies/changes its process/processes. All such industries still have to conform to all the existing requirements in regard to the control of pollution, and the directions issued also specified that the concerned State Pollution Control Boards may conduct random checks or call for information from any small scale units, and make a formal consent order prescribing conditions etc., as required.

(c) and (d) Steps have been taken for recruitment of the post of a Director (Environment) on a regular basis, and the present incumbent of the post of Member-Secretay holds it on an ad hoc basis, which is not a contravention of the recruitment rules.

Rising Rate of Illegal Felling of Trees

2745. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement in the Patriot dated 8th July, 1993 stating that rising rate of illegal felling of trees and slow rate of afforestation in the States was causing grave concern;